CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

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School Newsletter

ACHIEVEMENT • CULTURE • TRANSPARENCY

Clear Fork empowers every student to learn, lead, and succeed.

Grounded in Community, Honor, and Pride.



Clear Fork Valley Family,

As the colorful leaves begin to fall and the temperatures begin to change, we are reminded every fall of how fast time goes and how blessed we are to be in the Valley. This school year is no different. As all of our staff work each day to do the best for our students, the heart and care of the Valley is conveyed through the success of our students. It is reflected in the smiles you see on a daily basis, the hard work that is put in, the shared pride that comes as we are all part of something bigger than ourselves. From the classrooms, to co-curriculars, to the athletic arena, in all areas, we all share a role to represent our students and the Valley as a Community, in Honor, with Pride. Thank you for the positive role you all play in the lives of our students.

The Strategic Plan is being rolled out in the district as the District Leadership Team (DLT), who meets on a monthly basis, continue to work to create goals that aid students in ***learning, leading, and succeeding*** . In working with staff in their respective buildings, goals are being built based on the work of the DLT, from the strategic plan, along with the staff in each building. The goal of this work is to replicate the voice of the community, utilizing the Strategic Plan as our guide.

Our District received news earlier this fall from the Ohio Department of Education that the Clear Fork Valley Local School District has earned a 4 star rating on the state report card for the 2025-2026 school year (5 stars is the maximum number of stars that can be earned). This is an improvement from the 3.5 stars the district earned in the 2024-2025 school year. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff, students, and parents/guardians! Way to lead with pride!

We have had a very successful fall sports season here in the Valley. Girls golf went undefeated in the MOAC and for the first time in school history and qualified for districts as a team, missing the state tournament by 13 strokes. The Volleyball team saw its wins total find the highest win percentage within the last ten seasons. Boys soccer were MOAC Conference Champions and the girls soccer team were District Champions. The Cross Country team had 4 individuals qualify for Districts. Football will host Otsego at home this Friday night in week 12 as it had a first round bye.

As the holiday season draws near, be sure to take time to sit back and enjoy the company of loved ones and to reflect on how blessed we all truly are. It is a blessing to serve in the Valley with so many wonderful people that have hearts that truly care for the students and for one another. Thank you for your part in making the Valley a better place for our students as we seek to humbly serve them.

Sincerely,

-Cody

Happy Fall, Clear Fork Valley!





Our District Office was filled with little smiles, adorable costumes, and plenty of Fall fun today!

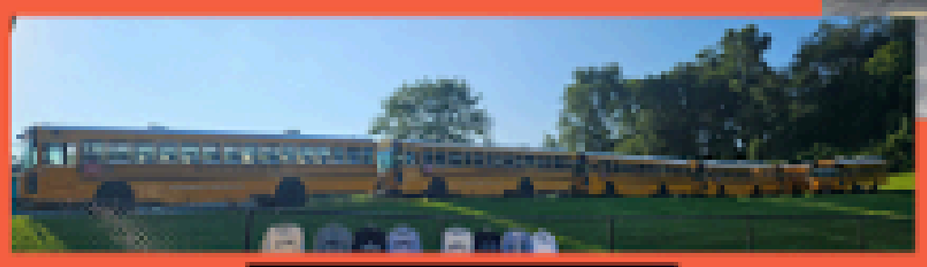
CLEAR FORK TRANSPORTATION NEWSLETTER

September 2026

Field Trip and Athletic Events

We have traveled to over 150 athletic/field trips this school year.
85 for the month of September







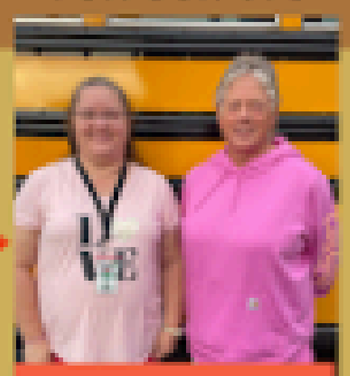
CF TRANSPORTATION TEAM

THE TRANSPORTATION TEAM CONSISTS OF:

14-BUS DRIVERS
4-BUS AIDES
2-ADMIN ASSISTANTS
1- MECHANIC
1- SUPERVISOR

WE, THE CLEAR FORK TRANSPORTATION TEAM WILL PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS

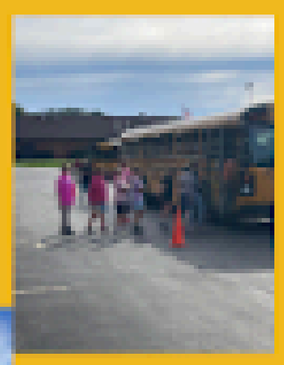
NEW STAFF! WELCOME TO THE TEAM



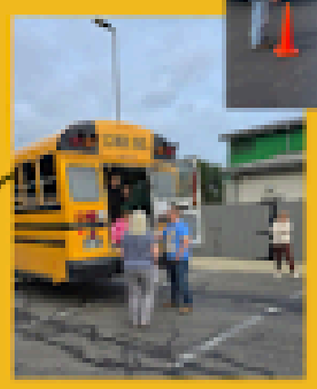
Dorie & Kim

Bus Evacuation Drills











CAPTAIN CLEAN

Buses are checked randomly for cleanliness.
For the month of September
Melissa VanPelt
was chosen.

TOP TRIP TAKER

Every month we calculate how many trips each driver takes.
For the month of September our top trip driver was
Danny Wade
Danny completed a total of 14 trips.



Bellville would like to welcome back Kallee the dog



Clear Fork Valley Local School District
2026/2027 School Calendar

August 2026

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August	
10-14	Floating Teacher Work Day
14	New Staff Orientation
17	Open House
17-18	Staff Inservice
19	First day for students

September	
7	No School - Labor Day
18	Early Release for all (1:00) - Street Fair
18	Interim Reports Posted Online

October	
16	End of First Nine Weeks
19	Teacher Inservice Day
	5 hrs. Inservice/2 hrs. Teacher worktime
22	MS/HS P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00
23	Report Cards Sent Home
27	MS/HS P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00

November	
5	ES P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00
12	ES P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00
20	Interim Reports Posted Online
25-27	No School - Thanksgiving Break
30	No School - Teacher PTC Exchange Day

December	
18	Early Release for all (1:00)
21-31	No School - Winter Break

January	
1	No School - Winter Break
8	End of Second Nine Weeks
11	Teacher Inservice Day - No School
	5 hrs. Inservice/2 hrs. Teacher worktime
15	Report Cards Sent Home
18	No School - MLK Day

February	
11	ES Conferences 3:30-7:00
12	Interim Reports Posted Online
15	No School - Presidents Day
18	ES P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00
25	MS/HS P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00

March	
2	MS/HS P/T Conferences 3:30-7:00
18	End of Third Nine Weeks
19	Teacher Inservice Day
	5 hrs. Inservice/2 hrs. Teacher worktime
22-25	No School - Spring Break
26	No School - Good Friday
29	No School - Teacher PTC Exchange Day

April	
2	Report Cards Sent Home
23	Interim Reports Posted Online

May	
23	HS Graduation
26	End of Fourth Nine Weeks/
	Early Release for Students (1:00)
	Last day for students
27	Teacher Workday - Last day for Teachers
31	Memorial Day

June	
4	Report Cards Sent Home
19	Juneteenth
28-30	Athletic Shutdown

July	
1-4	Athletic Shutdown
4	Independence Day

Quarters
Q1 = 42 days
Q2 = 45 days
Q3 = 48 days
Q4 = 42 days

Approx. Scheduled Student Hours	
High School	1160/1001
Middle School	1177/1001
Elementary Schools	1118/910
Preschool	390/360

Key	
☒	Teacher Inservice Day - No School
HS	HS Parent/Teacher Conferences
MS	MS Parent/Teacher Conferences
ES	ELE Parent/Teacher Conferences
IR	Interim Reports Posted Online
RC	Report Cards Sent Home
	Details Below
	First and Last Day
	End of Quarter
	No School
	Early Release
	Holidays

Calendar of Events for Bellville Elementary

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October

October 28-29 – BooGram Sales (Handed out 10/30)
October 30 – Spirit Wear – Costume Party
October 30 – 6 Week MD Data cycle complete
October 30 – Behavior Rubrics Due

November

November 2-6 – Book Fair
November 3 – 3rd Grade ELA OST Part I
November 4 – 3rd Grade ELA OST Part II
November 4 – Grandparent Night (4:30-6:30)
November 5 – Conference Night 1 (3:30-7:00)
November 6 – MD TBT Meetings
November 10 – LPDC
November 11 – Veteran's Day Assembly at 9:00 AM
November 12 – Conference Night 2 (3:30-7:00)
November 13 – Popcorn Friday
November 14 – Father Daughter Dance (6:30-8:30)
November 18 – Kinder trip to Buckeye
November 23 – PBIS Celebration #1

December

December 2 and 3rd – Inside Recess Buddy Elf Snowball Fight (PTO)
December 3 – BLT
December 8 – LPDC
December 11 – Santa
December 11 – Popcorn Friday
December 14 – PTO Coffee Cart!
December 14 – Holiday Concert @Storyside
December 16 – Santa Shop

Bellville Elementary

COLT PRIDE!

COLT	P	R	I	D	E
	Problem Solver	**Respectful**	**Integrity**	**Disciplined**	**Empathy**
	A student problem solver is someone who approaches challenges with a positive mindset and uses critical thinking skills to find solutions.	A respectful student listens to others and follows directions. They are kind, follow rules, accept differences, and use positive words.	A student behaves with integrity by doing the right thing, being honest, and by admitting and learning from mistakes.	A disciplined student listens in class, follows directions, and finishes work on time. They come prepared, use their time wisely, and control their actions.	A student demonstrates empathy by caring about how others feel. They listen, offer support, and are kind when friends are struggling. They respect differences and celebrate each other's successes.
					

BELLVILLE CAUGHT BEING A COLT

September 18, 2026



September 25, 2026



October 5, 2026



October 9, 2026



October 16, 2026



October 23, 2026



News from Bellville Elementary









The 2nd grade team traveled to Brown Education Center. The trip was free through a grant. Students had a great time with some great hands-on learning.

CLEAR FORK
SCHOOL DISTRICT

We Invite Our VETERANS
TO A SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 11
AT 9:00 AM

Hotcakes WITH HEROES
AT 8:30 AM

BELLVILLE ELEMENTARY
195 School Street
Bellville, OH 44813

PARK IN REAR
OF BUILDING

SCAN TO **RSVP**

Questions?
Contact Ashley Williiamson at
williamsona@cfcolts.org

HONOR ★ SERVE ★ INSPIRE

Butler Elementary

SAVE THE DATE!

Butler Elementary will
be having our
Scholastic Book Fair
November 12th-November 19th
in the music room.

We will be giving each student a FREE book, if you would like to donate to help with this you can in the link in the comments!





LET'S PARTY!

Save The Date
For The
Butler Elementary
Father Daughter Dance

NOV
21
2026

More details will be sent home
closer to the date!



Calling All Local Veterans!

Butler Elementary School invites YOU to be our honored guest!

We are proud to invite our local veterans to a special Veterans Day Assembly, Tuesday, November 10th at 8:30 am.

Our students and staff look forward to showing our gratitude and honoring you for your service, sacrifice, and dedication to our nation.

⭐ **Veterans, we would love to have you join us!**

Please RSVP to:

Mayme Legron, Purple Star Liaison

📧 **legronm@cfcolts.org**

When responding, please include:

Your full name
Branch of service
Rank
Years served

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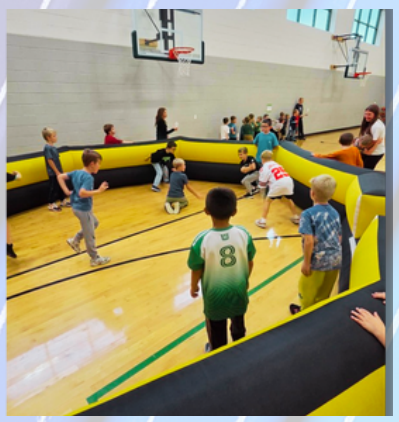
We look forward to welcoming our hometown heroes to Butler Elementary for this special celebration!

Thank you for your service!

News from Butler Elementary



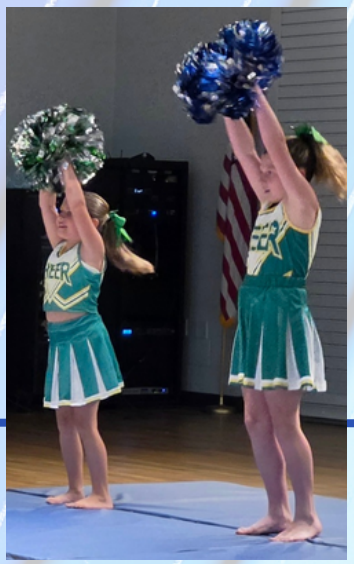


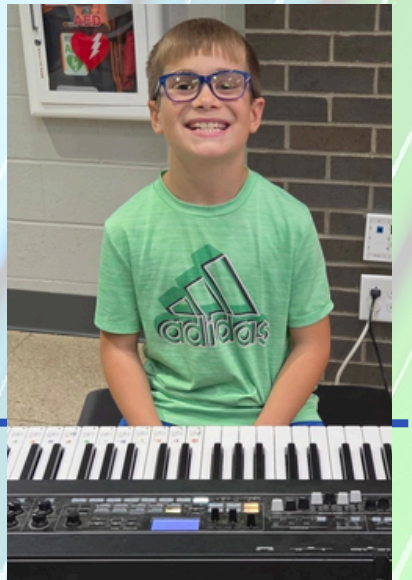


Butler Elementary students enjoyed their quarterly PBIS incentive activity, celebrating positive behavior through structured play! A special thank-you to our physical education teacher Steve Bechtel for coordinating the activities, our paraprofessionals and specials teachers for assisting with the stations, and our high school National Honor Society students for volunteering their time. We appreciate everyone who helped make this a fun and rewarding experience for our students!

What an amazing Talent Show! Butler Elementary students shined on stage, sharing their incredible talents, creativity, and confidence. We're so proud of every performer! A big thank-you to everyone who made this special event possible!







Butler Elementary Continued...

Butler Elementary 4th graders had so much fun celebrating the completion of Module 1 of Wit & Wisdom! ❤️ From creating heart models with Play-Doh to listening to their own heartbeats, practicing taking blood pressure, and writing poetry, students brought their learning to life in exciting and hands-on ways! 🫀📚✍️ There's nothing more rewarding than watching students make meaningful connections, explore new ideas, and discover just how much there is to learn about the world around them. These are the experiences that make learning memorable and inspire curiosity that lasts far beyond the classroom!







Clear Fork Middle School Newsletter

Dear Clear Fork Middle School Families,

The Middle School has gotten off to a great start this year! Our classrooms have been full of exciting activities, and we have many more events coming up in October and November that we'll keep you posted on. Here's a peek at some of the fun our students have been part of so far.

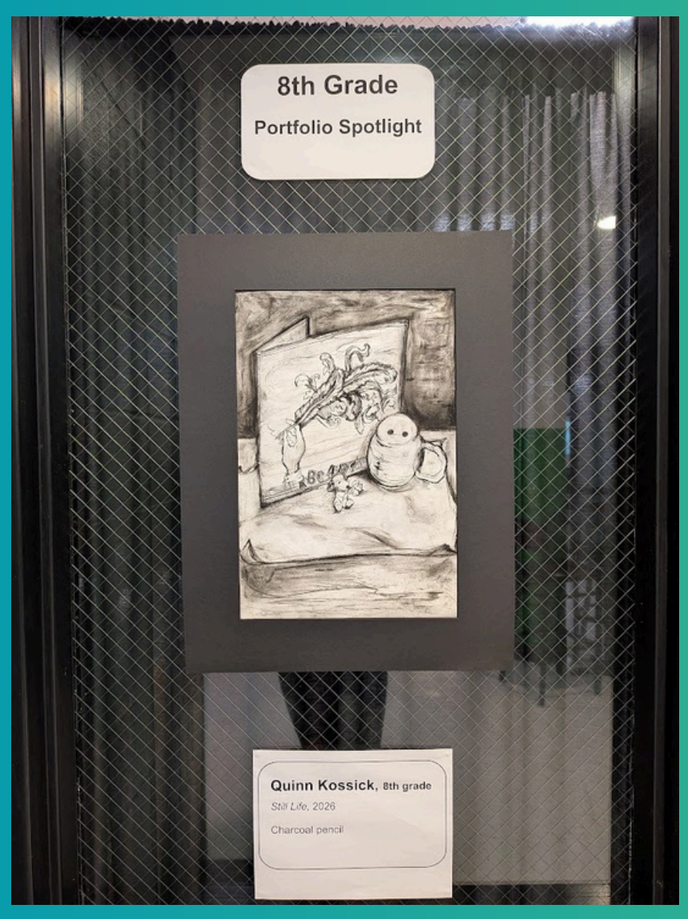
Band Night

Our 7th and 8th grade band students took the field for Middle School Band Night at the Varsity football game on September 18th. Great job, musicians!



Art Projects

Our students have been creating a wonderful variety of art projects in Mrs. Cadle's class to kick off the year. We're so impressed with their creativity!







High School News









More High School News...











News from the High School

LIFEWISE ACADEMY

COMING TO CLEAR FORK HIGH SCHOOL!

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Launching January 2027!

Scan the QR code to register today!

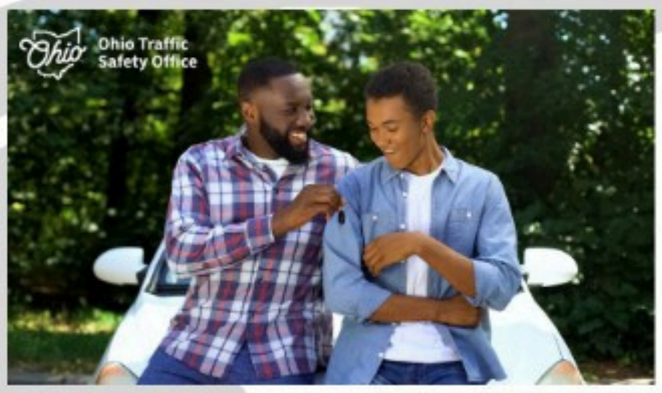
or go to www.lifewise.org/clearforkoh

North Central Ohio Educational Service Center | Ohio Department of Public Safety | Ohio Traffic Safety Office

DRIVE TO SUCCEED

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE OHIO TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE, NEW DRIVERS UNDER AGE 21 CAN RECEIVE FUNDING TO PAY FOR STATE-REQUIRED DRIVER EDUCATION. WHETHER THEY'RE PLANNING FOR COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL, OR A CAREER PATHWAY, THIS OPPORTUNITY ENSURES A CHANCE TO SUCCEED — ON THE ROAD AND IN LIFE.



ELIGIBILITY:

- MUST HAVE PROOF OF SNAP, WIC, MEDICAID, – WITHIN LAST 12 MONTHS OR
  - Proof of County Custody- In place of SNAP records, a caseworker's letter confirming county custody is accepted **or**
- SUMMER EBT ELIGIBILITY IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS
- MUST HAVE AN OHIO TEMPORARY DRIVING PERMIT
- MUST NOT HAVE PREVIOUSLY HAD DRIVER TRAINING

APPLY TODAY!

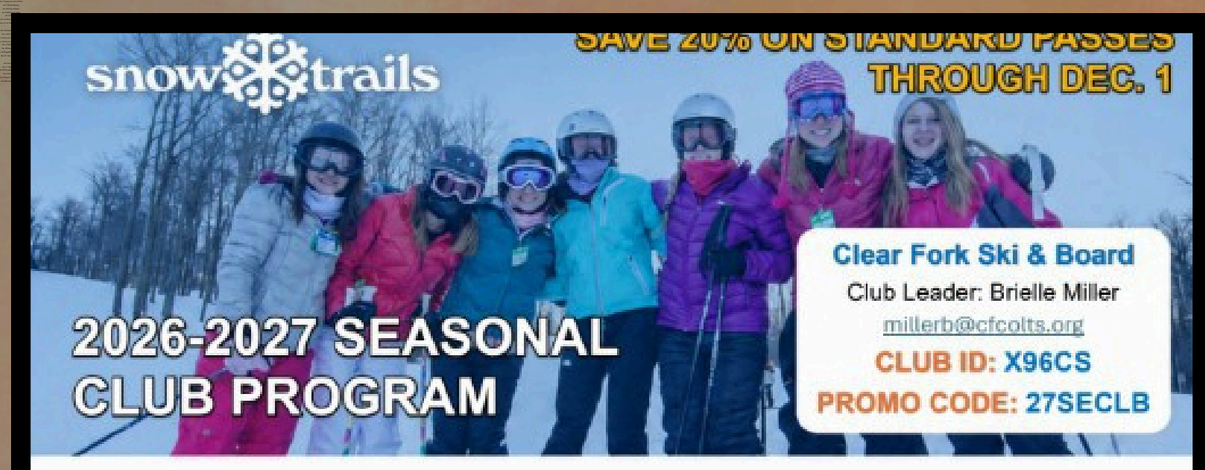
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DRIVE PREPARED. DRIVE SAFE. DRIVE OHIO.



Clear Fork Ski & Board
Club Leader: Brielle Miller
millerb@cfcolts.org
CLUB ID: X96CS
PROMO CODE: 27SECLB

EVERYDAY

STANDARD PASSES

Pass Only - $432
(reg. $540 after Dec. 1)

Pass + Rental - $624
(reg. $780 after Dec. 1)

All-ages Season Pass with unlimited slope access throughout the season.

ONCE-A-WEEK

STANDARD PASSES

Pass Only - Starting at $288
(reg. $360 after Dec. 1)

Pass + Rental - Starting at $416
(reg. $520 after Dec. 1)

Pricing options for ages 6-12 and 13+. Once-A-Week passes reset every Sunday. After Presidents' Day, enjoy Everyday access through Closing Day.

Buy Now: SnowTrails.com/SeasonalClubs

- **Ride All Season Long!** Valid Opening Day through Closing Day based on your pass access.
- **No Reservations Required.** Obtain your Area Lift Ticket upon arrival and hit the slopes!
- **Made Just for You.** Passes include your photo and are non-transferable.
- **Rental Equipment.** Includes skis or snowboard, boots, and poles. Pick up each visit at the Rental Center.
- **Please Note:** Gold, Senior, and Student Passes are not eligible for the Club discount.

HELPFUL LINKS

How to Buy:
SnowTrails.com/SeasonalHowTo
Upload Photo:
SnowTrails.com/PassPhoto
Club FAQ:
SnowTrails.com/ClubFAQ

snow trails
SnowTrails.com/ContactUs
3100 Possum Run Road, Mansfield, OH 44903

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

Oct 29 NHS Tapping
Oct 29 Halloween Parade 7pm

NOVEMBER

Nov 1 Day Light Savings Time- Fall Back
Nov 3 Freshmen Visit to MVNU for Team 9 Presentation
Nov 3 Election Day
Nov 4 Richland Young Leaders
Nov 6 NHS Blood Drive
Nov 6 First Friday: Colt Cash Turn In
Nov 9 NHS Induction
Nov 10 MOAC Exchange- Ontario Visits
Nov 10 Book Club
Nov 10 FFA Parli Pro
Nov 11 Veterans Day
Nov 12 MOAC Exchange- CF visits Ontario
Nov 12 MOAC Fall Sports Banquet
Nov 17 Sophomore visit to KCCC
Nov 17 Board Meeting
Nov 18 Picture Retakes
Nov 19 KCCC First Night
Nov 20 Interims
Nov 24 Winter Team Pictures
Nov 25-30 Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

Dec 2 Richland Young Leaders
Dec 10 HS Choir Concert
Dec 15 End of Course Exam Testing
Dec 16 End of Course Exam Testing
Dec 16 HS Band Concert
Dec 18 Early Release Day
Dec 18 Dodge Ball and Activity Time
Dec 19- Jan 3 Winter Break

JANUARY

Jan 4 School Resumes
Jan 6-7 MidTerm Exams
Jan 8 End of the 2nd Nine Weeks
Jan 11 In Service Day
Jan 15 Report Cards Come Home
Jan 18 No School MLKJr Day

Farm Science Review and Ohio FFA

Our 8th grade Advanced Ag class visited the annual Farm Science Review in London, OH this September. Twenty-one Middle School FFA students joined 33,000 other visitors and industry experts at the agricultural trade show.

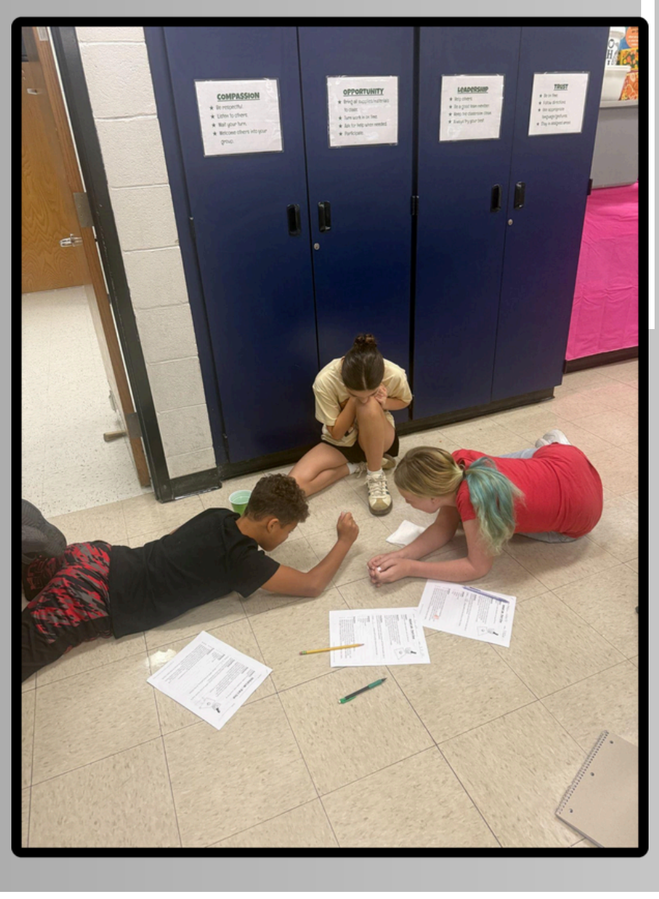




We also welcomed Ohio FFA State President Austin Manning, who spent the day with all of our 8th grade students. He gave a presentation on the importance of leadership and communication, and our students were a great audience.

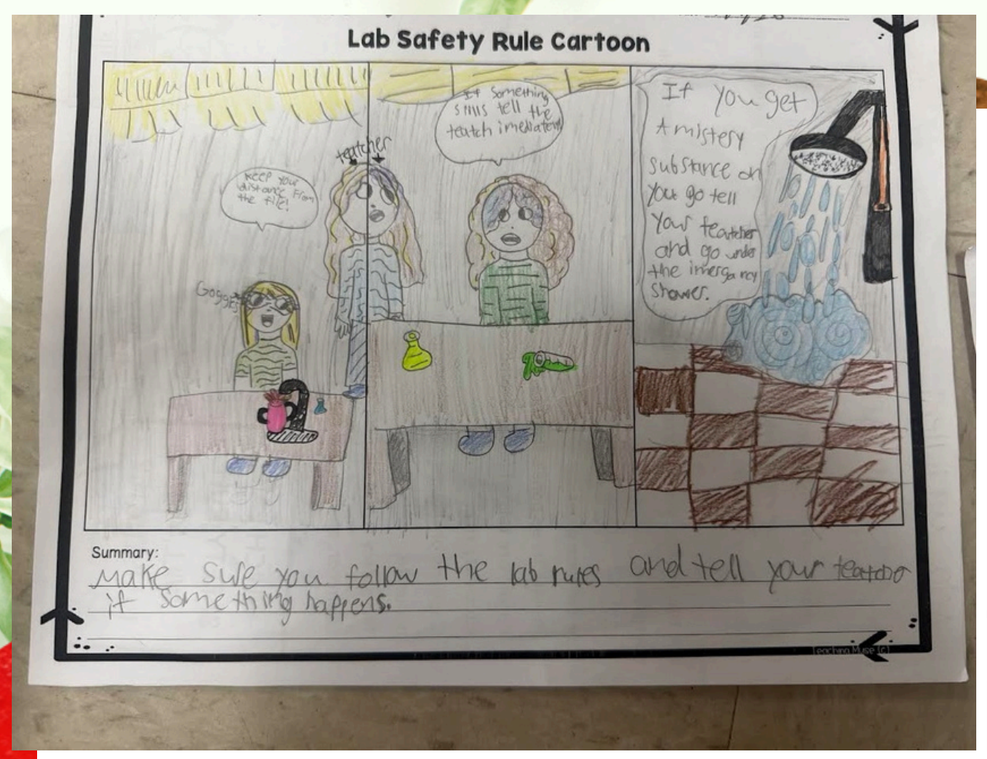
Science Fun

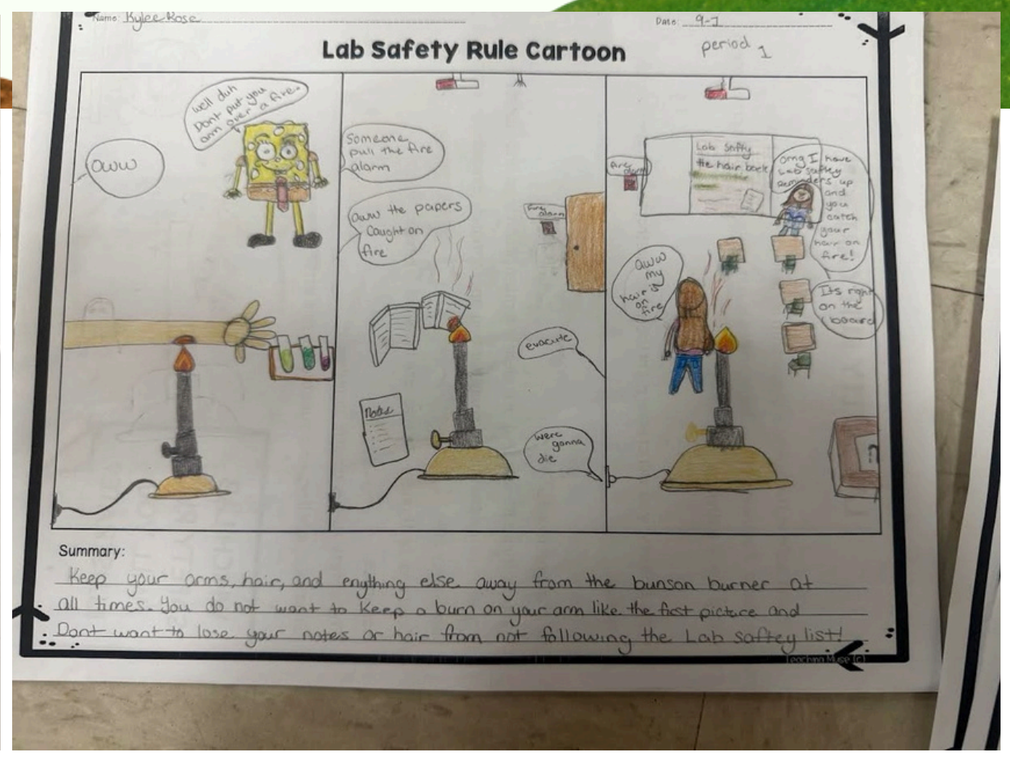
Students learned why lab safety matters by creating their own Lab Safety Cartoons in Science class. Our 6th graders have also been busy with several labs, and they especially loved the challenge of seeing how many water droplets they could fit on a nickel!







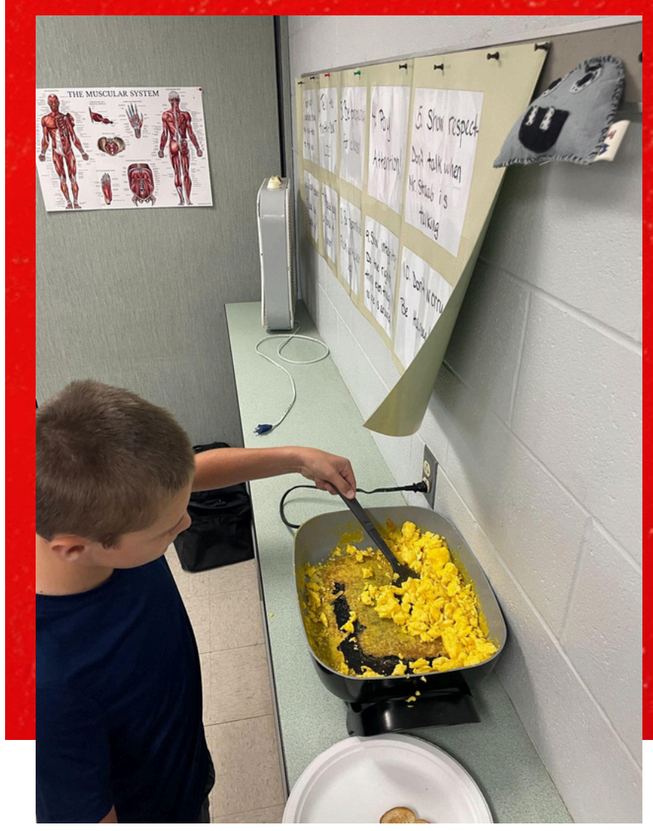




Lifeskills in the Kitchen

Mr. Staab’s 8th grade Lifeskills class has been learning how to make breakfast, and the students have enjoyed it so much that they’ve cooked up a few different breakfasts already this year.







Questions?

If you ever have questions, please feel free to contact the Middle School Office at **419-886-3111**. Thank you for being such a wonderful part of our school community. We’re looking forward to sharing more with you soon!

Every Day is a Great Day to be a COLT!!

Mrs. Twedt and Mr. Slavinski